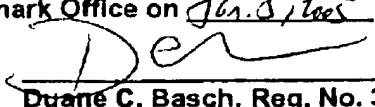


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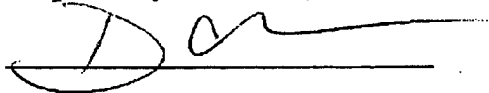
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Sir:

The Applicants filed the above-referenced patent application on November 20, 2003, but the Applicants have not received any further correspondence regarding this case. The Applicants, thus, are hereby inquiring about the status of this case.

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